

Sunday, April 3

First Day

stitution of things," said Burke, "that men of intemperate minds cannot be free." It is one of the missions of the Church to foster in men those virtues, without which there can be no self-government, and the alternative to which is the mentally and spiritually sterilizing scourge of tyranny.

Before we import despotic principles into our own land, which are so raucously clamoring for admission, we would better count the costs. Three weeks ago I read one morning the sickening, revolting story of an old world trial where the mockery of it was rendered the more cruel by the observance of outward legal form but devoid of every semblance of justice as known to free men. The sole offense of the accused was political disagreement with the will of the dictator. Then I walked into a United States Court where a Grand Jury was being impanelled. It comprised 16 men of the district of varied stations in life. They were instructed that under the Constitution no one could be called to answer for an offense against the government except upon presentment by a Grand Jury; and that they alone, without fear or favor, without regard to the station of the accused, be it high or low, without extraneous influence of any sort, but solely upon the evidence, must decide whether indictments should be returned.

Thank God for Liberty!

May we and all the generations to come be as heroic in its preservation as were the Fathers in its establishment, that in our land freedom may abide forever.

Selection by Male Chorus, "Praise to the Lord," (Storl-Cornwall)

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung by the Choir and congregation.

After the conclusion of the *Church of the Air* broadcast, at the request of President Heber J. Grant, the congregation sang the hymn "O, Ye Mountains High."

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

I am sure that every Latter-day Saint within the sound of my voice has had great pleasure in listening to our program here this morning. I am sure that the testimony and the fine teachings of our Presiding Bishop have found echo in the hearts of all of you. I am sure that every Latter-day Saint who believes, according to a declaration of the Prophet Joseph Smith, that the men who wrote the Constitution were inspired of the living God, has rejoiced in Elder Bowen's remarks here this morning, and that the things he has said have found an echo in the hearts of all of you.

EXPERIENCES IN BORROWING MONEY

Speaking of this song that we have just sung, some of the words of which are, "On the necks of our foes we shall tread," etc., I had the pleasure of singing it while coming down from Pine Crest (Emigration

Canyon) in an automobile, to a dear friend of mine who is in the banking business, Mr. Fred W. Shibley. Mr. Shibley came to Utah to represent the banks of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other places, that had lent \$12,535,000 to the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company.

When these loans were negotiated sugar was selling for \$17.00 a bag of 100 pounds. When the beets were turned into sugar, sugar was selling at \$5.00 a bag. We paid \$12.00 a ton for the beets and we expected to make four or five million dollars, but we had a loss of more than \$5,800,000. We expected to have all our debts paid but we found ourselves in debt \$7,535,000, and we needed some more for our next season's crop of beets. We had a practical illustration of Victor Hugo's remarks that "Gratitude is a lively sense of favors to come." Our farmers received over \$5,000,000 more than their beets were worth, but the following year nearly all of our factories had to lie idle because the price of beets was not high enough.

I went East to get a renewal of \$7,000,000 of obligations with the banks, and in addition to borrow \$2,800,000, instead of \$12,000,000 as the year before. I had difficulty in getting the company notes; but finally the bankers agreed to do so, and we were very grateful. They positively refused to lend us a dollar, however, in order to purchase preferred stock. I offered them local collateral and they asked for something that would sell on the New York Stock Exchange. I told them that I did not have any stocks or bonds that would sell on the New York Stock Exchange. One of the great bankers said, "Give us some Union Pacific preferred stocks or bonds."

I said: "You must have been listening to Lulu Shepherd, perhaps the greatest female liar that ever drew the breath of life. She announced that I as President of the Mormon Church had over \$100,000,000 in Union Pacific and other railroad preferred stocks and bonds."

I had only one certificate of five shares of the common stock of the Union Pacific, and that was in my name. I had it transferred from President Joseph F. Smith back to the Church, and then I had it transferred to myself, hoping to be elected a director, but "another Pharaoh arose that did not know Joseph," and I did not get the job. (*Laughter*) A year later, however, somehow or other they got acquainted with "Joseph," and then I got the job.

INCIDENTS IN REGARD TO "O YE MOUNTAINS HIGH"

I took Mr. Shibley to one of our scenic wonders—Brighton—and seeing there in her mother's cottage, next door, the good wife of the man who has been talking to us today (Albert E. Bowen), I suggested that we go over to their cottage and hear somebody sing who knew how to sing. We did so, and I said, "Now, Emma Lou, I sang the song, 'O Ye Mountains High,' for Mr. Shibley, and I would really like to have him hear someone sing it who knows how to sing." She sat down at the piano, and turned around and said, "Of course, President Grant, you do not want me to sing all four verses."

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Union spent very freely of their revenue for hard liquors and for beer, and, as we heard from Brother Smoot here today, vast quantities of tobacco were consumed at an enormous expense, and, sad to relate, our own beloved State of Utah was no exception to the rule.

COST OF LIQUOR CONSUMED

It appears, my brethren and sisters, that, as an example, in the year 1937 hard liquor was consumed in the State of Utah to the amount of \$4,047,000 in round numbers, and for beer, \$4,535,000 in round numbers, and for cigarettes, \$2,687,000—giving a total of \$11,235,000 invested in these articles that I have mentioned, which articles, if used extensively, sap the very life and spirit of the children of men and work untold suffering and injury. These figures have been given to the people in the public press and were taken from the records of the State. The total that I have given you does not include cigars and other forms of tobacco or bootleg liquor. I am sure it would be interesting to you to know what the actual purchasing power of \$11,235,000 is. I can give you an example that will bring the matter pretty clearly before you.

With \$11,235,000, five temples, each costing \$1,200,000, or a total of \$6,000,000, could be constructed; forty meeting houses at \$50,000 each, making \$2,000,000; one thousand homes of \$3,000 each, making \$3,000,000, and 470,867 paid names in temple work, which is \$235,000, making a total, as I have said, of \$11,235,000.

It would also give employment to at least 9,750 men on the construction of these buildings alone, not counting those employed in steel mills, in mines, lumber industries and factories. A half-acre lot included with each of the above mentioned homes would insure the owner against hunger and want. To work in the temples and receive the remuneration of fifty cents per name would give our aged brethren and sisters a feeling of independence and self respect in addition to the joy and satisfaction they would experience in performing a work of that nature.

The above sum of \$11,235,000, if placed at 5% interest, would yield \$56,162 per annum—enough to provide employment for twenty-six men at a wage of \$6.00 a day, three hundred sixty-five days per year. This is simply a sample of what might be accomplished with the large sum of money that goes for the purchase of these forbidden things so far as the Latter-day Saints are concerned.

FOREWARNED BY THE LORD

The Lord perceived from the beginning that there was danger in the articles that are listed here, and so he gave a charge to his people; he warned them and forewarned them of the danger. He knew what the danger was, but he did not point it out. It appeared to him sufficient that he should tell his people that strong drink is not good for the body, that it is not good to be used internally nor externally. It might*be used in some cases for the washing of the body, but should not be used internally; and the Lord, pointing to tobacco, said it was not good for the use of man in any way, but could be used for sick cattle and otherwise if great care were taken.

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this effort. The world is coming to see us—to see how we do it. To use the common phrase—"We are on the spot" and every man who has a modicum of patriotism in his blood, who loves the Gospel and loves his people has an opportunity now to demonstrate it—not by facing flashing bayonets or enduring great physical hardships, but by the simple process of living his religion. If we have faith enough to do this we are destined to become the pride and glory of the earth.

I know that Mormonism is true. I have known it all my life, but I never before saw so clearly its grandeur and its beauty. God bless you, my brethren and sisters, and may he help us all to preach the Gospel abroad by living it at home. We are moving forward and with the help of our Heavenly Father we will win. May this be our happy lot, I humbly pray in the name of Jesus—Amen.

The *Singing Mothers* sang "Inflammatus," Margaret Stewart Hewlett, soloist.

Benediction by Elder Franklin L. West, Commissioner of Education.
Conference adjourned until Wednesday, April 6, at 10 o'clock a. m.

THIRD DAY

MORNING MEETING

The fifth session of the Conference was held Wednesday morning, April 6, at 10 o'clock, with President Heber J. Grant presiding.

The musical exercises for this session of the Conference were rendered by the *Tabernacle Choir*.

The congregation and Choir sang the hymn, "We Thank Thee, O God, For a Prophet."

Elder Wayland R. Wightman, President of the Nebo Stake, offered the opening prayer.

An anthem, "He Watching Over Israel" (Elijah), was sung by the Choir.

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT

At the request of President Heber J. Grant, Elder Joseph Anderson, Clerk of the Conference, read the financial and statistical report of the Church for the year 1937, also report of changes in Church officers, stake, ward and branch organizations since last October Conference, as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The expenditures by the Church for the year 1937:

Stake and Ward Purposes:

There has been returned from the tithes to the stakes and

wards for the construction of ward and stake meeting-	
houses	\$1,025,082.77
For ward maintenance expenses	808,287.28
For stake maintenance expenses	255,222.30
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	\$2,088,592.35

Hospitals:

Expended for the erection and improvement of hospital buildings (included in Church Welfare Program).....\$ 126,204.00

Education:

Expended for the maintenance of the Church school system \$ 904,305.81

Temples:

Expended for the maintenance and operation of temples.....\$ 451,043.33

Relief Assistance:

For direct aid in the care of the worthy poor and other charitable purposes, including hospital treatment.
(From tithing funds only. Included in Church Welfare Program)\$ 298,807.55

Missionary Work:

For the maintenance and operation of all the missions, and for the erection of places of worship and other buildings in the missions\$ 975,105.26

Total\$4,844,058.30

which has been taken from the tithes and other Church funds and returned by the Trustee-in-Trust to the Saints for the maintenance and operation of the stakes and wards, for hospital buildings, for the maintenance and operation of Church schools and temples, for charities and mission activities.

Fast Offering Information:

	1937	1936	Increase	Pct.
Fast offerings paid in wards	\$296,443.67	\$259,125.46	\$37,318.21	14.4 %
Fast offerings paid in missions	34,441.48	31,192.15	3,249.33	10.4 %
Total fast offerings	\$330,885.15	\$290,317.61	\$40,567.54	13.9 %
Number who paid fast offerings in wards..	151,056	134,416	16,640	12.4 %
Number who paid fast offerings in missions	21,654	19,370	2,284	11.8 %
Total who paid fast offerings	172,710	153,786	18,924	12.3 %

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Average fast offerings per capita in wards..	55.4c	48.9c	6.5c
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Wards showing highest per capita fast offerings:

Manhattan Ward, New York Stake	\$ 2.20
San Francisco Ward, San Francisco Stake	1.78
Gilmer Park Ward, Bonneville Stake	1.75
Rosette Ward, Curlew Stake	1.70

102 wards (9.2% of wards in the Church) paid \$1.00 or more per capita.

Missions showing highest per capita fast offerings:

Czechoslovakia	\$ 1.12
Palestine-Syrian66
Swiss-German60
Eastern States55
German-Austrian55

Summary—Erection and Improvement of Church Buildings—1937:

Appropriated for ward and stake buildings, seminaries and institutes	\$1,195,319.63
Amount raised locally (40%)	679,837.66
Appropriated for hospital buildings	126,204.00
Paid by hospitals toward erection of buildings	82,525.78
Improvements in temples	56,874.00
Expended for mission buildings and real estate	284,141.09
Total	\$2,424,902.16
(Some of above expenditures included in Church Welfare Program)	

STATISTICS AND OTHER DATA COMPILED FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 1937

There were on December 31, 1937: 118 Stakes of Zion, (at the present time, 121); 1,017 wards; 84 independent branches, or a total of 1,101 wards and branches in the Stakes of Zion; also, 36 missions (including the European Mission), 951 mission branches, and 235 districts.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Stakes	616,088
Missions	151,664
Total	767,752

CHURCH GROWTH

Children blessed and entered on the records of the Church in the stakes and missions	21,005
Children baptized in the stakes and missions	14,631

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Converts baptized in the stakes and missions	7,322
Number of long-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1937	1,983
Number of short-term missionaries from Zion, December 31, 1937	30
Number of local missionaries	70
Total number of missionaries in the missions of the Church Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes	2,083 2,282
Total missionaries	4,365
Number of missionaries who received training at the Missionary Home	1,003
Persons recommended to the temples from the stakes	83,092

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Birth rate, 30.9 per thousand.
 Marriage rate, 18.7 per thousand.
 Death rate, 6.9 per thousand.
 Families owning their own homes, 59.2%

EXPENDED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF MISSIONARIES

Collected by wards and paid to missionaries	\$ 91,769.00
Average cost per missionary, 1937, \$30.34 per month, or a total of \$364.00 per year per missionary. Average number of missionaries, 1,917, making a total average expense for the year of	697,788.00
Estimated possible earnings per missionary, \$900.00 per year X 1,917, average number of missionaries, makes an estimated total of what these missionaries might have earned if at home of	1,725,300.00
Total estimated contribution of missionaries and their families for the preaching of the Gospel.....	\$2,514,857.00

CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

(Including All Church Welfare Work)

Total Church membership in stakes and missions, men, women and children	767,752
Number of Church members who paid voluntary fast offerings to help the needy:	
In wards	151,056
In missions	21,654
Total	172,710

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Amount of voluntary fast offerings

In wards:

Cash	\$ 281,002.98
Produce	15,440.69

In missions:

Cash	34,441.48
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Total (all expended for relief)	\$ 330,885.15
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Special donations to the Church Welfare Program	\$ 66,003.64
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Assistance rendered by Relief Society

In actual disbursements to needy	\$ 57,734.67
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In carrying on general work of this society	242,697.29
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Additional assistance extended to Church Building Program (Wards, Stakes and Missions) by increasing from 50% to 60% the Church's contribution to the program	\$ 185,183.60
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Expended from tithes, mostly by local officers.....	\$ 298,807.55
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Expended directly by the Church Welfare Committee	98,836.34
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Other donations to Church Welfare Committee	18,807.48
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Expended for the erection, extension and improvement of hospitals and for caring for sick therein	203,498.45
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Total	\$ 1,502,454.17
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In addition to the foregoing, the following supplies had been assembled and were on hand December 31, 1937, and are available for the needy during the year 1938.

CLOTHING

Estimated
Value

Men's clothing, pieces	13,608	\$ 5,444.20
Women's clothing, pieces	10,313	2,533.25
Children's clothing, pieces	12,100	2,420.00

\$ 10,397.45

CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fruits and vegetables, cans	516,890	64,611.00
Fruits and vegetables, bottles	82,393	16,478.60
Dried fruits, pounds	17,508	1,750.80

82,840.40

OTHER PRODUCE

Flour, pounds	221,653	4,876.36
Potatoes, pounds	1,182,325	7,093.95
Other vegetables, pounds	201,814	1,009.07

12,979.38

FUEL

Coal, pounds	1,051,491	2,638.74
Wood, cords	2,256	6,768.00

9,406.74

Total on hand December 31, 1937 \$115,623.97

In order to render moderate financial assistance to those who were engaged in small farming or business, and who did not have a bankable undertaking, the Co-operative Security Corporation was set up. This company has made a number of small loans (which are largely character loans) but has limited the amount it would lend to any person to at most a few hundred dollars.

In addition to the foregoing, very large contributions have been made in produce of which no record was at the time made because the mechanics for keeping full records had not yet been perfected.

Furthermore, there are no available records of the money value of the very great work done by Priesthood Quorums and by the Relief Society with and for individuals, in such matters as assistance in building homes, in planting gardens, making small home improvements and renovations, in making clothing, and many like activities. In some stakes the major part of the whole Welfare Program work has been of this sort. Some of the most valuable assistance has been rendered in this way.

**THE CHURCH UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1937,
IS AS FOLLOWS**

Employable needing employment, Jan. 1, 1937	6,544
Employable needing employment, Dec. 31, 1937	7,760
Skilled workmen unemployed, Dec. 31, 1937	1,134
Unskilled workmen unemployed, Dec. 31, 1937	6,525
Heads of families needing employment	5,651
Number employed during year	6,071
Number of persons used on Church Work Projects during year....	2,532
Number of persons assisted by Bishops, Relief Society, and the General Committee agencies	44,440

It should be understood that there are, in the aggregate, a considerable number of cases in which relief is being furnished to individual families both by the Church and by governmental agencies, through arrangements worked out between them. The statistics hereinbefore given represent only the contributions made by the Church in such cases.

The same principle operates in a considerable number of hospital cases, but the figures given herein represent only the Church contribution.

The Church has not yet made any effort, or pretended to make any effort, to take its members from governmental work projects; it has merely urged those on such projects to do a full day's work for a day's pay.

It should also be understood that Utah and adjacent areas have very large populations of non-members who in considerable part are engaged in the industries. The Church has made no effort to take care of these, leaving them to be cared for by other organizations and the government.

While the Church Welfare Program aims of course to help those in need, its real purpose is not merely to substitute Church gratuities

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for others furnished by charitable or governmental agencies but to rebuild the characters of its members and to promote and to foster the patriotic, civic, and spiritual qualities of the people.

CHANGES IN CHURCH OFFICERS, STAKE, WARD AND BRANCH
ORGANIZATIONS SINCE LAST OCTOBER CONFERENCE

Y. W. M. I. A. General Presidency Reorganized:

President Ruth May Fox released as President of the General Board of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association.

Lucy Grant Cannon, formerly First Counselor, appointed President; Mrs. Helen Spencer Williams appointed First Counselor; Mrs. Verna W. Goddard appointed Second Counselor.

New Missions Organized:

From the two German speaking missions (German-Austrian and Swiss and German) three new mission units were created, to be known as the Swiss-Austrian Mission, presided over by Thomas E. McKay, with headquarters at Basel, Switzerland; East German Mission, presided over by Alfred C. Rees, with headquarters at Berlin; and West German Mission, presided over by Philemon M. Kelly, with headquarters at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany.

New Mission Presidents:

Matthew Cowley appointed president of the New Zealand Mission to succeed President M. Charles Woods.

James Judd appointed to preside over the Australian Mission, to succeed President Thomas D. Rees.

Kenneth R. Stevens appointed to preside over the Tahitian Mission, to succeed President Thomas L. Woodbury.

Richard E. Folland appointed to preside over the South African Mission, to succeed President LeGrand P. Backman.

M. Douglas Wood appointed to preside over the West German Mission, to succeed President Philemon M. Kelly.

New Temple Presidents:

President Harold S. Snow appointed to preside over the St. George Temple, to succeed President George F. Whitehead.

Castle H. Murphy appointed to preside over the Hawaiian Temple, to succeed President Edward L. Clissold.

New Member Appointed to General Committee—Church Welfare Program:

Elder John A. Widtsoe appointed as special Social Welfare Program adviser.

Roscoe W. Eardley appointed as field representative.

C. Orval Stott appointed as field representative.

Other Special Appointments:

Joseph S. Peery released and Joseph J. Cannon appointed to preside

over the Temple Block Mission in Salt Lake City, with headquarters at the Bureau of Information; Brother Peery retained as Bureau Manager.

Richard P. Condie appointed as Assistant Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir Leader, to succeed D. Sterling Wheelwright.

Mrs. Belle Smith Spafford appointed editor of the Relief Society Magazine, to succeed Mary Connelly Kimball, deceased.

Elder and Mrs. Joseph A. McRae appointed to preside over the Church landmark at Carthage, Illinois.

Lester F. Hewlett appointed to succeed David A. Smith as President of the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir.

New Stakes Organized:

Smithfield Stake, created by a division of the Benson Stake on January 9, 1938. The new stake embraces Amalga, Clarkston, Newton, Smithfield First, Second, Third and Fourth Wards.

Coveville, Cornish, Lewiston First, Second and Third, Richmond, Richmond South and Trenton Wards retained in Benson Stake.

Mount Graham Stake, created by the division of St. Joseph Stake on February 20, 1938. The new stake embraces Duncan, El Paso, Franklin, Layton, Lebanon, Safford, Solomonville and Virden Wards, and Gila Branch from the St. Joseph Stake, and Las Cruces and Lordsburg Branches from the Western States Mission.

Central, Eden, Emery, Globe, Kimball, Miami, Pima, Ashurst, Bryce and Thatcher Wards retained in the St. Joseph Stake.

Phoenix Stake, created by a division of the Maricopa Stake on February 27, 1938. The new stake embraces Glendale, Papago, Phoenix First, Second and Third and Tempe Wards.

Lehi, Mesa First, Second, Third and Fourth, Chandler, Gilbert and Pine Wards retained in the Maricopa Stake.

New Stake Presidents Appointed:

Vernal C. Webb appointed president of the West Jordan Stake to succeed President Almon T. Butterfield.

Alfred W. Chambers appointed president of the newly organized Smithfield Stake.

James Hyrum Riley appointed president of the Weber Stake to succeed President George E. Browning.

Spencer Kimball appointed president of the newly organized Mount Graham Stake.

Jesse A. Udall appointed president of the St. Joseph Stake to succeed President Harry L. Payne.

James Robert Price appointed president of the newly organized Phoenix Stake.

Lorenzo Wright appointed President of the Maricopa Stake to succeed President James Robert Price.

H. Fred Egan appointed president of the South Summit Stake to succeed President Zach J. Oblad.

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Evanston 2nd Ward, Woodruff Stake, created by a division of Evanston Ward.

Grant Ward, Los Angeles Stake, created by a division of Maywood Ward.

Montebello Ward, Los Angeles Stake, created by a division of Eastmont Ward.

Smithfield Fourth Ward, Smithfield Stake, created by a division of Smithfield First Ward.

Bountiful Third and Orchard Wards, South Davis Stake, were created by dividing Bountiful First, Second, and South Bountiful Ward of that stake.

Duncan Ward, Mount Graham Stake, created by a division of Franklin Ward.

Independent Branches Made Wards:

Hayward Ward, Oakland Stake.

Romeo Ward, San Luis Stake.

Boulder City Ward, Moapa Stake.

New Independent Branches:

Evans Branch, Box Elder Stake, created from a dependent branch of Bear River Ward.

Flagstaff Branch, Snowflake Stake, created from a dependent branch of Winslow Ward.

Pittsburg Branch, Oakland Stake, created from a dependent branch of Martinez Ward.

West Suburban Branch, Chicago Stake, created by a division of the Logan Square Ward.

Utahn Branch, Duchesne Stake, created from a dependent branch of Duchesne Ward.

Rains Branch, Carbon Stake, created by a division of Standardville Branch.

Lordsburg Branch, Mount Graham Stake, taken from a branch in the Western States Mission.

Las Cruces Branch, Mount Graham Stake, taken from a branch in the Western States Mission.

Wards Disorganized:

Frankburg Ward, Lethbridge Stake—members moved away.

Rockport Ward, Summit Stake—annexed to Wanship Ward.

Widtsoe Ward, Garfield Stake—annexed to Antimony Ward.

Mt. View Ward, Curlew Stake—membership transferred to other wards.

Branches Disorganized:

Coutts Branch, Taylor Stake, made dependent branch of Raymond First Ward.

Centerdale Branch, Bear River Stake.

Wheatland Branch, Malad Stake—membership transferred to wards.

Those Who Have Passed Away:

John F. Bennett, member of Church Auditing Committee and senior member of the General Sunday School Board.

Mary Connelly Kimball, editor of the Relief Society Magazine and member of the Relief Society General Board. Was former editor of the Young Woman's Journal and member of the Y. W. M. I. A. Board.

William Henry Smart, former president of the Eastern States Mission and of Wasatch, Uintah, Duchesne and Roosevelt Stakes.

Lucy Emily Woodruff Smith, wife of Apostle George Albert Smith.

Hyrum H. Goddard, first secretary of the first Y. M. M. I. A.

Lotta Paul Baxter, former member of Relief Society General Board.

Henry E. Giles, Professor of Music and Assistant Tabernacle Organist to John J. McClellan. In recent years has served as conductor of the Old Folks Choir.

Martha Horne Tingey, former General President of the Y. W. M. I. A.

Mary Louisa Woolley Clark, mother of President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

Heber Manning Wells, first governor of the state of Utah.

Willard Telle Cannon, vice-president and general manager of Utah-Idaho Sugar Company and former president of the Netherlands Mission.

David Bennion, Star Valley Stake Clerk.

James W. Eardley, Bishop of Baker Ward, Union Stake.

David M. Haun, bishop of West Jordan Ward, West Jordan Stake.

E. Ray Beck, Bishop of Sandy Third Ward, East Jordan Stake.

John Peterson, president of Bay Ridge Branch, New York Stake.

Richard Ott, bishop of Tropic Ward, Panguitch Stake.

ELDER ELIAS S. WOODRUFF*President of the Central States Mission*

I wish I were more prepared, that I might give you a better report of the mission, but I am so thoroughly surprised that I suppose I will be like the minister we frequently tell about who left his sermon at home and told his congregation that they would have to bear with him that day since he must depend upon the Lord, but that he would be better prepared next time.

It is a great inspiration to come to this Conference; to hear the voices of the servants of God, to mingle with the Saints and to sit in council and discuss the affairs of the Church as the mission presidents have the privilege of doing. I shall return to the mission with renewed vigor, faith and determination to discharge my duty as the presiding officer in that portion of the vineyard of the Lord.

I am happy to be able to say to you that the work in the Central States Mission continues along in its progressive way. The Lord blesses our people in their gatherings, our meetings are better attended all the